



THE LAKERIDGE GAZETTE



ACTIVITIES:

CHAIR YOGA MON, WED, FRI 10:30 AM

SHUFFLEBOARD MON, 9 AM

BIBLE STUDY TUES, 10 AM

LADIES OF LAKERIDGE 2ND AND 4TH TUESDAYS (SEE POSTED SCHEDULE DAY/TIME)

CORN HOLE STARTING WED 1/10, 9 AM

FRITTER BOYS THURS, 9 AM

MOVIE NIGHT DISCONTINUED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

BINGO AND BIRTHDAYS THURSDAY 1/ 25 7 PM
THURSDAY 2 / 22 7 PM
THURSDAY 3/ 28 7 PM

COFFEE AND CONVERSATION SATURDAY 10 AM

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

TODD THOMPSON 1/3 SHARON TOLEN 1/9;
DAISY JEREZ 1/11 ROBERT FACKO 1/13;
DICK LITRELL 1/15 MAGGIE HUMPHREYS 1/15
CAROL HALL 1/16 JOYCE FACKO 1/27
JENNIFER HUBBARD 1/30.

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

MARY POWERS 2/4;
SHIRLEY ROBERTS 2/9
J.D. CRAWFORD 2/25.



MARCH BIRTHDAYS

KATHLEEN DELANEY 3/4 ANA BELL 3/6
SUE KRIEG 3/7 PAUL BUONOPANE 3/10
TONY THIGPEN 3/18 CARL HILLMAN 3/20
PAUL GELSLEICHTER 3/26 KATHY CARRADIN 3/30.

BOARD MEETINGS

JANUARY	18TH	6 PM	ANNUAL MEETING
FEBRUARY	15TH	2 PM	
MARCH	21ST	2 PM	
APRIL	18TH	2 PM	
MAY	16TH	2 PM	

SPECIAL EVENT CANDIDATES FORUM SAT, JAN 6TH 7 PM

CANDIDATES WILL ANSWER QUESTIONS.
ALL MEMBERS ARE INVITED TO ATTEND.

SPECIAL EVENT ELECTION OF BOARD MEMBERS 2024

ANNUAL MEETING JANUARY 18TH

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HAPPENINGS

STARLIGHT BOAT CRUISE TUES, JAN 23RD
BOARDING AT NOON.
CRUISE LEAVES AT 12:30 PM. CARPOOLING
ADVISED. RESERVATION REQUIRED.

CALL 727/ 462-2628. PRESS OPTION # 1.
LAKERIDGE GROUP/CN# 96721-1
\$ 36.08 PER PERSON.
MORE INFORMATION: MICK # 710, 813/309-9464.

BARTOW ADULT CONCERT BAND
BARTOW CIVIC CTR 2:30 PM
JAN 21, FEB 18, MAR 24, APR 28, JULY 4, NOV 17,
AND DEC 8.
COME EARLY FOR GOOD SEAT!

TUESDAY JAN 9 2 PM BACK PACKS FOR FOSTER
CHILDREN
TUESDAY JAN 23 2 PM BACK PACK PREPARATION

SATURDAY, JANUARY 27 8 - 10 AM
FRITTER CLUB
PANCAKE/SAUSAGE BREAKFAST
"COME 'N' GO"

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11 **SUPER BOWL**
BRING DRINKS/ SNACK TO SHARE
NO FORMAL ACTIVITY PLANNED

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13 6 PM
MARDI GRAS SOUP SUPPER

SATURDAY & SUNDAYS IN MARCH
WATCH FOR NOTICES OF STRAWBERRY SHORTCAKE
& COKE/ROOT BEER FLOATS

SUNDAY, MARCH 13 6 PM
ST PATRICK'S DAY POTLUCK SUPPER

**ALL SCHEDULED "HAPPENINGS"
ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE.**

PLEASE WELCOME NEW RESIDENTS:
2023 HAS BEEN A YEAR OF CHANGE FOR
OUR LAKERIDGE FAMILY.
SEVERAL OF OUR WONDERFUL
FRIENDS/NEIGHBORS HAVE MOVED THIS
YEAR. WHILE WE DEARLY MISS THEM,
WE WELCOME ELEVEN NEW RESIDENTS.

NEW OWNERS / RESIDENTS 2023

PAUL BOUNOPANE # 102
SONJA MCCREARY # 407
ALI HOANG # 108
EVERETT TACKETT # 708
LISA JARRETT # 207
MORUFAT AMUSA # 709
STELLA GOMEZ & JOSE AREVALO # 402
CARL HILLMAN # 802
KAREN WILLIAMS # 405
KELLY KELLY # 805



FOR THOSE OF YOU WITHOUT THE DEEP
SOUTH BACKGROUND, THE POTLUCK
"DISH" IS WHAT WE LOVINGLY CALL OUR
OFFERINGS FOR THE MEALS SHARED IN
OUR GATHERINGS.

FOR THE RECORD, WE DO NOT SHARE
ONE PLATE!

FROM THE DESK OF THE PRESIDENT:

I LOVE THIS TIME OF YEAR. BETTE HAS ME WRITE A CHRISTMAS LETTER EACH YEAR AND IT GIVES ME A CHANCE TO REFLECT BACK AND WRITE ABOUT THE "HIGHLIGHTS" WE EXPERIENCED IN OUR LIVES.

AT FIRST, I THINK NOT MUCH HAS HAPPENED OTHER THAN THE USUAL DAY TO DAY ROUTINES THAT WE ALL EXPERIENCE. I LOOK ON MY CALENDAR AND START TO REMEMBER THE, OTHER THAN ROUTINE, THE EVENTS WE EXPERIENCED. I ALWAYS AM HAPPY TO REMEMBER THE GOOD, AS WELL AS ANY MAJOR "BAD" EXPERIENCES AND HOW WE EITHER ENJOYED OR GOT THROUGH THOSE THINGS. I AM ALSO REMINDED HOW IMPORTANT FAMILY AND FRIENDS ARE, AND HOW USELESS ANY COMPLAINING OR DRAMA IS AT THIS POINT IN MY LIFE.

ON OUR CRUISE WE MET TWO SISTERS THAT WINTER IN A CONDO IN HILLSBORO BEACH. THEY HAVE SIXTY-EIGHT RESIDENTS AND ARE GOING THROUGH A BIG PROJECT DUE TO THE NEW FLORIDA REGULATIONS. THEY HAD A \$33,000.00 SPECIAL ASSESSMENT AND THEIR MONTHLY MAINTENANCE FEE JUST WENT UP TO \$ 800.00 A MONTH. THE NEW FLORIDA REGULATIONS ON CONDOS ARE HAVING MAJOR EFFECTS ON MOST CONDO OWNERS.

WE FEEL VERY FORTUNATE TO LIVE HERE AT LAKERIDGE. IS IT A PERFECT PLACE? NO. ARE ALL THE RESIDENTS' PERFECT PEOPLE? NO, BUT WE HAVE MADE MANY NEW FRIENDS, AND HOPE TO MAKE MANY MORE THIS YEAR, AS WE ALL SHARE "LIFE" TOGETHER HERE AT LAKERIDGE.

THIS COMING YEAR WE WILL HAVE MANY OPPORTUNITIES TO HELP EACH OTHER, YOU CAN VOLUNTEER TO SERVE ON A COMMITTEE, AND YOU CAN PARTICIPATE IN THE SOCIAL EVENTS WE HAVE SCHEDULED.

I PRAY WE ALL HAVE A WONDERFUL AND HEALTHY NEW YEAR AS WE ALL GO THROUGH "LIFE" TOGETHER HERE AT LAKERIDGE.

RICHARD "RICK" HOFFMAN



SAFETY REPORT: ENTERING AND LEAVING LAKERIDGE GROUNDS

KEEP IN MIND THAT WINTER HAVEN IS A RAPIDLY GROWING CITY AND WE ARE BEGINNING THE BUSIEST TIME OF THE YEAR FOR VEHICLE TRAFFIC. UNFORTUNATELY, MORE PEOPLE ARE TAKING CHANCES TO GET THEIR VEHICLES ON THE ROAD AND TO THEIR DESIRED DESTINATION.

AT LAKERIDGE, WE ARE VERY FORTUNATE TO HAVE TWO WAYS IN AND THREE WAYS OUT OF OUR COMPLEX PARKING LOT. ONE ROUTE TAKES US TO THE ENTRANCE OF PUBLIX AND HAS A STOP LIGHT DIRECTLY ACROSS FROM THE PLAZA ENTRANCE. THIS ROUTE MAY TAKE A FEW MINUTES LONGER BUT IS MUCH SAFER THAN TURNING LEFT ONTO HIWAY 17 AT THE BUSIEST TIMES OF THE DAY.

ROUTE: GO OUT EITHER OF THE SIXTH STREET GATES ON TECO SIDE OF BUILDING. TURN LEFT AND GO TO HAVENDALE BLVD/MARTIN LUTHER KING BLVD. TAKE A RIGHT ONTO UNITY WAY NW. GO TO ST JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH AND TURN RIGHT ONTO AVE M, NW. THIS TAKES YOU TO THE LIGHT ACROSS FROM PUBLIX. STAY IN THE LEFT LANE TO CROSS DIRECTLY INTO PARKING LOT.

KEEP IN MIND THAT YOU ALWAYS NEED TO WATCH OUT FOR THE OTHER GUY WHEN DRIVING YOUR VEHICLE!

DAVID LANE

YOUR SOCIAL COMMITTEE:

THE SOCIAL COMMITTEE (SHIRLEY ROBERTS, KATHY GOE, TERRY & JOANNE AND CISSY) WANT TO GIVE A "SHOUT OUT" TO ALL WHO HAVE PARTICIPATED IN OUR SOCIAL EVENTS. WE STRIVE TO PROVIDE GOOD FOOD, PRECIOUS FELLOWSHIP AND A VARIETY OF HAPPENINGS. FLEXIBLE SCHEDULING PROVIDES THE OPPORTUNITY FOR ALL TO PARTICIPATE.

THE COMMITTEE REALIZES THAT THE HELPERS MAKE EVENTS HAPPEN. THANKS TO THOSE WHO DECORATE, SET UP, TAKE DOWN, AND CLEAN UP. YOUR HELP IS INVALUABLE AND DEEPLY APPRECIATED!

AS THE YEAR ENDS, WE WANT TO RECOGNIZE JERRY AND MARY LOU FOR DONATING THE AMERICAN FLAGS THAT HAVE BEEN PLACED BY DALE FOR THE HOLIDAYS. THESE FLAGS ARE PLACED AROUND THE LARGE FLAG POLE, IN THE HEDGES GOING TO THE POOL AND AT THE FRONT ENTRANCE. THIS YEAR, WE INCLUDED OUTSIDE CHRISTMAS LIGHTS/DECORATIONS. THANKS TO RAY & KATHY AND GLENN NEWLAND. FEEL FREE TO OFFER BAGS OF MONEY OR COOKIES TO SHOW APPRECIATION.

TERRY AND JOANNE, RAY & KATHY, MUFFY, JACKIE AND SHIRLEY WERE MAGICAL WITH THE CHRISTMAS DECORATION/TREE TRIMMING. OUR SPECIAL CHRISTMAS MUSIC PRESENTED BY SUE KREIG AND ALLEN MARGOLIS WITH ANGIE LEADING THE SINGING OF CAROLS.

SINCE THIS IS TIME FOR NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS, WE OFFER THE FOLLOWING: SIGN UP FOR SOCIAL EVENTS BEFORE THE DEADLINE (WE NEED TO PLAN SEATING, FOOD, ETC) BE ON TIME - 7 PM NOTED IS START AT 7 PM. HOT FOOD HOT & COLD FOOD COLD! SUGGEST SOCIAL ACTIVITY TO COMMITTEE AND BE WILLING TO COORDINATE!

SOME ACTIVITIES ARE NOT FEASIBLE DUE TO COST INCLUDING TRANSPORTATION AND/OR SAFETY CONCERNS. ACTIVITIES SHOULD BE COORDINATED THROUGH THE SOCIAL COMMITTEE FOR DATE, TIME, ETC.)

CISSY



MANAGER'S MISSION:

MAINTAIN AND IMPROVE LAKERIDGE TO THE DELIGHT OF ITS MEMBERS, WHILE ADHERING TO THE ASSOCIATION DOCUMENTS AND FLORIDA CONDOMINIUM STATUTES.

MANAGER'S VALUES: COMMUNICATION, INTEGRITY, TRANSPARENCY, RESPONSIVENESS, ACCOUNTABILITY AND MEMBER INVOLVEMENT.

MANAGER'S REPORT

I HOPE THIS NEWSLETTER FINDS YOU ALL WELL, IN GOOD HEALTH AND GOOD SPIRITS. AS WE PUT LAST YEAR INTO OUR REAR-VIEW MIRROR AND LOOK FORWARD, TAKE THE TIME TO REFLECT ON LESSONS LEARNED AND MEMORIES MADE.

THE LAKERIDGE CONDOMINIUM ASSOC. ANNUAL MEETING WILL BE HELD ON JANUARY 18, 2024, AT 6 PM. THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE OWNERS IS AN IMPORTANT MEETING. THE ELECTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS IS HELD DURING THE ANNUAL MEETING.

AT THE ANNUAL MEETING, THE BOARD REPORTS TO OWNERS ON MATTERS SUCH AS THE FINANCIAL HEALTH OF THE CORPORATION. THE ANNUAL MEETING ALSO GIVES OWNERS THE OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS MATTERS THAT ARE RELEVANT TO THE BUSINESS OF THE CONDOMINIUM CORPORATION.

RUSS CHAFFEE

HOUSE RULES REMINDERS

ALWAYS LET RUSS KNOW AHEAD OF TIME ABOUT SCHEDULED FURNITURE OR APPLIANCE DELIVERIES.

ALL PETS MUST BE KEPT ON A LEASH WHEN OUTSIDE OF THE CONDO UNIT, PETS ARE NOT PERMITTED IN THE COMMUNITY ROOM OR POOL AREA.

ALL PETS MUST BE TAKEN TO THE DESIGNATED AREAS TO RELIEVE THEMSELVES.

PLEASE BREAK DOWN & FLATTEN MOVING OR DELIVERY BOXES BEFORE PUTTING THEM IN DUMPSTER.

ALL GARBAGE MUST BE PLACED IN BAGS. BAGS MUST BE TIED BEFORE PUTTING DOWN TRASH CHUTE.

WHEN PARKING, PULL ALL THE WAY FORWARD UNTIL YOU ARE AGAINST THE WHEEL STOP, TO PREVENT ANY DRIVEWAY CLEARANCE RESTRICTION.

DO NOT BACK OUT OF DRIVEWAY.

IF A VISITOR CALLS YOU FROM THE CALL BOX AT THE GATE OR FRONT DOOR, PRESS NUMBER 9 ON YOUR PHONE TO LET THEM IN.

IF YOU HAVE MAINTENANCE ISSUE OR A SCHEDULED DELIVERY, PLEASE USE THE FORMS LOCATED IN THE KITCHEN AND PLACE IT IN THE OFFICE DOOR SLOT.

LADIES OF LAKERIDGE

OUR RECENT GIFT BASKET PROJECT RAISED \$168.00. WE APPRECIATE THOSE SUPPORTING THIS ENDEAVOR.

ALL BASKET ITEMS WERE DONATED. SPECIAL THANKS TO MUFFY AND JOANIE FOR PUTTING THE BASKET TOGETHER AND ESPECIALLY TO SHIRLEY GROSS FOR HER GENEROUS DONATION. OUR WINNER WAS TERRY HARDENBERG.

ALL FUNDS RAISED WILL BE USED THROUGHOUT THE YEAR FOR CHARITIES, WELCOME GIFTS FOR NEW RESIDENTS AND LOL PROJECTS. JOIN US FOR FIELD TRIPS, MOVIES, LUNCHEONS AND FUN ACTIVITIES.

JANUARY 9TH, WE WILL MEET AT 2 PM TO FILL 25 BACK PACKS WITH NECESSITIES FOR POLK COUNTY CHILDREN IN THE FOSTER CARE SYSTEM. MANY OF THE CHILDREN ARE REMOVED FROM THEIR HOMES WITH ONLY A GARBAGE BAG HOLDING THEIR CLOTHES AND POSSESSIONS. THIS IS OUR SECOND YEAR PARTICIPATING IN THIS PROJECT.

THANKS TO SUE AND SHERON FOR DONATING BLANKETS, MYRIAM FOR TOOTHPASTE/TOOTHBRUSHES, SHARON AND JANEL FOR SHOPPING FOR THE MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS AND CISSY'S DAUGHTER FOR THE STUFFED ANIMALS. A LIST OF ITEMS NEEDED IS POSTED ON THE BULLETIN BOARD. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO DONATE, PLEASE CONTACT SHARON THIGPEN.

ALL LADIES ARE INVITED TO ATTEND THE LOL GATHERINGS !

OUR MEETINGS ARE NORMALLY ON TUESDAY WITH THE DATES AND TIMES POSTED. WE, LADIES, STAY BUSY WITH VARIED ACTIVITIES SO EVERYONE CAN FIND THEIR "NICHE" OR INTEREST.

KATHY GOE

THIS N THAT



DID YOU KNOW RUSS WAS A NOTARY? IF YOU NEED A DOCUMENT NOTARIZED JUST STOP BY THE OFFICE. THIS IS A COMPLIMENTARY SERVICE FOR LAKERIDGE OWNERS AND RESIDENTS.

STAMP PRICES ARE INCREASING TO 68 CENTS ON JANUARY 28 TH !

THIS YEAR IS LEAP YEAR SO PLAN AN EXTRA DAY IN FEBRUARY.

FRITTER CLUB, THURSDAY'S AM, IS AN OPPORTUNITY FOR THE "GUYS" TO VISIT, DRINK COFFEE AND SHARE A DONUT. ALL MEN ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND.

COFFEE AND CONVERSATION IS HELD ON SATURDAYS, 10 AM.
ALL RESIDENTS ARE INVITED TO ATTEND AND JOIN THE DISCUSSIONS.